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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NORWEGIANS ON ILO  
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1. POST MAY DRAW UPON THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE IN RESPONSE TO  
THE NORWEGIAN DEMARCHE. BEGIN TEXT:

2. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT APPRECIATES THE SPECIAL  
INTEREST OF THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE ILO AND THE US  
POSITION WITH RESPECT THERETO.

3. THIS GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE ILO HAS MADE  
PROGRESS IN SEVERAL AREAS SINCE 1975. MOST HEARTENING HAS  
BEEN THE ABILITY OF THE WESTERN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO  
WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER. WHATEVER THE US DECISION, THIS UNITY  
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WAS A VERY SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT IN THE TWO YEAR US REFORM  
EFFORT, AND IT WILL BE FULLY REFLECTED IN THIS GOVERNMENT'S  
FINAL ASSESSMENT. THE US IS PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL FOR THE  
SUPPORT FROM NORWAY.

4. AT THE SAME TIME, THE JUNE 1977 INTERNATIONAL LABOR  
CONFERENCE WAS A REAL DISAPPOINTMENT. A CLEAR-CUT VICTORY

ACROSS THE BOARD WAS NOT EXPECTED, BUT THE US HAD HOPED FOR CONCRETE SIGNS OF CONTINUING MOMENTUM ON AT LEAST SOME OF THE ISSUES. EXCEPT FOR NORWEGIAN SUPPORT AND THAT OF THE

OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES, THIS MOMENTUM WAS NOT MAINTAINED.

5. THE US GOVERNMENT WILL THOROUGHLY REVIEW ALL OF THE FACTORS INVOLVED BEFORE MAKING A DECISION. THE ASSESSMENT WILL INCLUDE THE FULL TWO-YEAR RECORD OF THE EFFORTS TO REFORM THE ILO, THE VIEWS OF THIS GOVERNMENT'S FRIENDS, INCLUDING NORWAY, THE VALUE OF THE WORK OF THE ILO, AND THE EFFECT OF THE US DECISION ON OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

6. WHATEVER THE FINAL OUTCOME, THIS GOVERNMENT LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT ON INTERNATIONAL LABOR ISSUES. END TEXT.

7. FOR POSTS' INFORMATION, NORWAY, ALONG WITH SWEDEN, FINLAND, AND DENMARK, REPRESENTED AT JULY 27 GENEVA CONSULTATIONS WITH IO ASST SECRETARY MAYNES AND USG ILO REP HOROWITZ. VANCE

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